This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for consolidating computing devices, comprising:

retrieving a first data set indicative of ~~characteristics~~ system parameters of a first computing device;

retrieving a second data set indicative of ~~characteristics~~ system parameters of a second computing device;

determining at least one ~~characteristic~~ aspect of system parameters in the first data set that is different from a ~~substantially~~ similar ~~characteristic~~ aspect of system parameters in the second data set; and

providing a visual depiction of the at least one difference whereby a user can determine whether to consolidate programs or data of the first computing device on the second computing device.

2. (Currently amended) The method as recited in claim 1 comprising loading the first and second data sets into a relational database and comparing the ~~characteristics~~ system parameters by ~~way~~ comparing the results of SQL queries on the relational database in order to determine at least one aspect of system parameters in the first data set that is different from a similar aspect of system parameters in the second data set..

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently amended) The method as recited in claim [[3]] 1 wherein the system parameters comprise at least one of: the number of processors, available processors, processor level, devices, disk drive characteristics, disk drive capacity, system name, page size, operating system version, operating system build, and network connectivity, system CPU utilization, and system memory load.

5. (Currently amended) The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the ~~characteristics~~ system parameters of a computing device ~~comprises~~ comprise information indicative of executable process parameters.

6. (Original) The method as recited in claim 5 wherein the executable process parameters comprise at least one of: CPU utilization, memory utilization, active processes, active process dependencies, processor usage, memory usage, process creation time, process ID, process owner, process handles, process version, dependency version, process timestamp, process description, and dependency description.

7. (Currently amended) The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the ~~information~~ the data set indicative of the ~~characteristics~~ system parameters of ~~a~~ the first and second computing ~~device comprises~~ devices comprise information indicative of computing device database definition parameters.

8. (Currently amended) The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the visual depiction comprises a chart indicative of the level of difference between at least [[on]] one ~~characteristic~~ system parameter on the first and second computing devices.

9. (Currently amended) The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the visual depiction comprises a textual display comparing the ~~characteristic~~ system parameters of the first data set with the ~~characteristic~~ system parameters of the second data set.

10. (Original) The method as recited in claim 6 wherein the visual depiction presents a list of at least one process in the first data set and provides an indicator of whether the at least one process is present in the second data set.

11. (Original) The method as recited in claim 6 further comprising an indicator comparing the process version in the first set with the process version in the second set.

12. (Original) The method as recited in claim 6 wherein the visual depiction presents a list of at least one process in the first data set and provides an indicator of whether the at least one process is present in the second data set.

13. (Original) The method as recited in claim 7 wherein the computing device database definition parameters comprise at least one of: database names, roles, users, aliases, defaults, rules, functions, user defined datatypes, user messages, tables, views, indexes, extended procedures, stored procedures, and triggers.

14. (Original) The method as recited in claim 13 further comprising an indicator comparing the database login names in the first set with the database login names in the second set.

15. (Original) The method as recited in claim 13 wherein the visual depiction presents a list of at least one table in the first data set and provides an indicator of whether the at least one table is present in the second data set.

16. (Original) The method as recited in claim 13 wherein the visual depiction presents a list of at least one column name in the first data set and provides an indicator of whether the at least one column name is present in the second data set.

17. (Currently amended) The method as recited in claim 1 further comprising receiving a plurality of first data sets and a plurality of second data sets and determining at least one ~~characteristic~~ system parameter in the first data sets that is different from a ~~substantially~~ similar ~~characteristic~~ system parameters in the second data sets over time.

18. (Currently amended) A system for consolidating computing devices, comprising:

a storage device having stored thereon a first data set indicative of characteristics of at least one of hardware, software and data in a first computing device;

a storage device having stored thereon a second data set indicative of characteristics of at least one of hardware, software and data in a second computing device;

computer-readable instructions stored in a memory device and capable of determining at least one characteristic of the hardware, software or data in the first data set that is different from a ~~substantially~~ similar characteristic of the hardware, software or data in the second data set; and

computer-readable instruction stored in a memory device and capable of providing a visual depiction on an output device of the at least one difference whereby the differences are used to consolidate the software and data of the first device with the software and data of the second devices.

19. (Currently amended) The system as recited in claim 18 wherein the first and second data sets are stored in a relational database and wherein the computer-readable instructions for determining at least one characteristic of the hardware, software and data in the first data set that is different from a similar characteristic of the hardware, software or data in the second data set compares the characteristics by way of comparing the results of SQL queries on the relational database.

20. (Currently amended) The system as recited in claim 18 wherein the characteristics of at least one of hardware, software and data in of ~~a~~ the first and second computing ~~device~~ devices comprises information indicative of system parameters.

21. (Original) The system as recited in claim 20 wherein the system parameters comprise at least one of: the number of processors, available processors, processor level, devices, disk drive characteristics, disk drive capacity, system name, page size, operating system version, operating system build, and network connectivity, system CPU utilization, and system memory load.

22. (Currently amended) The system as recited in claim 18 wherein the characteristics of at least one of hardware, software and data in of ~~a~~ the first and second computing ~~device~~ devices comprises information indicative of executable process parameters.

23. (Original) The system as recited in claim 22 wherein the executable process parameters comprise at least one of: CPU utilization, memory utilization, active processes, active process dependencies, processor usage, memory usage, process creation time, process ID, process owner, process handles, process version, dependency version, process timestamp, process description, and dependency description.

24. (Currently amended) The system as recited in claim 18 wherein ~~the~~ information indicative of the characteristics of at least one of hardware, software and data in ~~a~~ the first and second computing ~~device~~ devices comprises information indicative of computing device database definition parameters.

25. (Currently amended) The system as recited in claim 18 wherein the visual depiction comprises a chart indicative of the level of difference between at least ~~on~~ one characteristic of at least one of hardware, software and data in ~~a~~ the first and second computing ~~device~~ devices.

26. (Currently amended) The system as recited in claim 18 wherein the visual depiction comprises a textual display comparing the characteristic of at least one of hardware, software and data of the first data set with the characteristic of at least one of hardware, software and data of the second data set.

27. (Original) The system as recited in claim 23 wherein the visual depiction presents a list of at least one process in the first data set and provides an indicator of whether the at least one process is present in the second data set.

28. (Original) The system as recited in claim 23 further comprising an indicator comparing the process version in the first set with the process version in the second set.

29. (Original) The system as recited in claim 23 wherein the visual depiction presents a list of at least one process in the first data set and provides an indicator of whether the at least one process is present in the second data set.

30. (Original) The system as recited in claim 23 further comprising an indicator comparing the process version in the first set with the process version in the second set.

31. (Original) The system as recited in claim 18 wherein the information indicative of the characteristics of a computing device comprises computing device database definition parameters.

32. (Original) The system as recited in claim 31 wherein the computing device database definition parameters comprise at least one of: database names, roles, users, aliases, defaults, rules, functions, user defined datatypes, user messages, tables, views, indexes, extended procedures, stored procedures, and triggers.

33. (Original) The system as recited in claim 31 further comprising an indicator comparing the database login names in the first set with the database login names in the second set.

34. (Original) The system as recited in claim 31 wherein the visual depiction presents a list of at least one table in the first data set and provides an indicator of whether the at least one table is present in the second data set.

35. (Original) The system as recited in claim 31 wherein the visual depiction presents a list of at least one column name in the first data set and provides an indicator of whether the at least one column name is present in the second data set.

36. (Currently amended) The system as recited in claim 18 wherein the storage device having stored thereon a first data set indicative of characteristics of at least one of hardware, software and data of a first computing device comprises a plurality of first data sets representative of characteristics of at least one of hardware, software and data of the first computing device at a plurality of times;

wherein the storage device having stored thereon a second data set indicative of characteristics of at least one of hardware, software and data of a second computing device comprises a plurality of second data sets representative of characteristics of at least one of hardware, software and data of the second computing device at a plurality of times; and

wherein the computer-readable instructions stored in a memory device and capable of determining at least one characteristic of the hardware, software or data in the plurality of first data sets that is different from a ~~substantially~~ similar characteristic of the hardware, software or data in the plurality of second data sets over time.